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KATSUHIRO AOKI ET AL. : GROUP ART UNIT: 2852  
SERIAL NO: 09/535,158 :  
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FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS  
METHOD AND DEVELOPING DEVICE  
TO OBTAIN A STABLE IMAGE DENSITY

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2003, please note the following  
remarks:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.